Subsidized LPG beneficiaries

2355. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries under subsidized LPG during the last one year, till date in the country, ruralwise and urbanwise;

(b) the details thereof districtwise especially in the Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Government are likely to enhance the rates of LPG and want to remove subsidy in a phased manner; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) All domestic LPG customers of oil marketing companies namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), IBP Co. Ltd. are beneficiaries subsidized domestic LPG. The number of beneficiaries under subsidized domestic LPG in the country, rural/urban wise is given below:—

Name of Company	Position as on 1-1-2006		
	Urban Customers	Rural Customers	Total Customers
IOCL	353.10	56.30	409.40
HPCL	171.30	52.50	223.80
BPCL	151.22	68.49	219.71
IBP Co. Ltd.	1.18	2.66	3.84
TOTAL:	676.80	179.95	856.75

(b) The details of domestic LPG customers, district-wise in Andhra Pradesh is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) The Government had constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. Rangarajan, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister to examine different aspect of pricing and taxation of petroleum products with a view to stabilizing/rationalizing their prices. The Committee submitted its report on 17.2.2006. The report is under examination of the Government.

Statement

Details of District-Wise LPG Customers (Urban/Rural) in Andhra Pradesh as on 01/01/2006

Sl.No	District	Urban Cust.	Rural Cust.	Total Cust.
1.	ADILABAD	91640	198441	290081
2.	ANANTAPUR	223626	85226	308852
3.	HYDERABAD	917974	10778	928752
4.	KARIMNAGAR	193136	203767	396903
5.	KURNOOL	177108	106633	283741
6.	MAHBOOBNAGAR	104102	137432	241534
7.	MEDAK	42826	204131	246957
8.	NIZAMABAD	92921	153974	246895
9.	RANGAREDDY	660640	198680	859320
10.	WARANGAL	123563	241966	365529
11.	CHITTOR	294775	107422	402197
12.	CUDDAPAH	151449	118621	270070
13.	GUNTUR	522256	189956	712212
14.	KHAMMAM	204739	58523	263262
15.	KRISHNA	572454	173760	746214
16.	NALGONDA	132977	157446	290423
17.	NELLORE	211117	102576	31369
18.	PRAKASAM	151181	130069	281250
19.	EAST GODAVARI	296757	383716	680473
20.	SRIKAKULAM	104369	110812	215181
21.	VISAKHAPATNAM	562939	37810	600749
22.	VIZIANAGARAM	136001	64809	200810
23.	WEST GODAVARY	322604	282443	605047
	GRAND TOTAL:	629114	3458991	9750145